

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

SENATORS OF CONGRESS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

PRESENT WEEK IS QUIET

Business is now centered in Congress and the Senate. The President has no new messages to send.

Washington—With no sessions of Congress and with Washington denuded of many statesmen, the national capital is very dull this week. It is not expected that there will be any legislation affecting postal savings banks, the interstate commerce act or the Sherman anti-trust act during the present session. All important legislation is now being considered in the coming session from President Taft which will deal with the conservation of natural resources and amendments to the anti-trust law.

The Senate will convene in January. They are expected to make capital of the fact that Congress has thrown in the towel on public relief measures, and they will be sure of the old Republican majority after Congress meets on January 4.

Each session of the Interstate Commerce Commission and many other officials believe they can see the approaching end of the serious disputes between labor and capital in recent history. This does not mean that railroad activity is expected big in the labor world. It is expected that the railroad men will be able to get on with their work and that the labor organizations will be able to spread to other lines of work.

It is expected that the result of the election will be the result of the election, but the railroad men and the labor organizations are still at odds regarding the outcome. At the end, it is generally believed, the people at the ballot box will have to settle the question.

California Coal Lands. California's coal lands committee, has introduced a bill providing for the entry of coal lands reported containing deposits of coal, reserving to the government the right to dispose of the coal by sale or lease. Provisions of this nature has been necessary on account of the fact that lands classified as coal lands which have an agricultural or mining value.

Bill Approves Subsidy Bill. The subsidy bill that can pass the Senate and meet the approval of the President seems to be in sight. The bill, introduced by Washington Humphrey, of Washington, and members of the Senate, provides for the construction of a canal and the introduction of the bill into the Senate at the end of the session. The bill will meet the approval of the President.

Save Local Dealers. Secretary Baughman has under way a plan for reorganizing the system of providing supplies for the Indian service, whereby local merchants in the west will have opportunity of bidding on these contracts, which they have enjoyed to only a limited extent in times past. Merchants and dealers in the vicinity of military posts will have a reasonable opportunity of furnishing supplies at least the local institutions.

Government to Save Birds. The government to act as a check to all the birds that seek refuge in the various states and territories. Ornithologists and agricultural authorities throughout the country have joined the National Association of Audubon Societies in urging Congress to provide federal protection for the nation's rapidly dying race of migratory birds.

Harbor Bill Meets. Where it falls among the wise ones in Washington that the leaders in the House will support the river and harbor bill and postpone its passage until the next session next year. It is held in capital corridors that the Senate will vote any river and harbor bill that is sent him.

Wells in India. The question of wells in India is complicated by the coexistence in each community of two castes—the pure Hindus and those on the one hand, the weavers on the other. No weaver may draw from the well of the Hindu unless he be defiled, nor will the Hindu drink from the hands of the well of a weaver. Thus it becomes necessary either to dig two wells or to depute a certain number of the Hindu element to give water to their less exalted fellow villagers.

NEWS OF OREGON STATED IN BRIEF

TELEGRAPHIC CHRONICLE OF STATE HAPPENINGS.

MAY OPEN RESERVATION

Exiled Modoc Indians Favored and Allotment Work Is Thereby Delayed.

Klamath Falls—Announcement in Washington dispatches that the Klamath Indians will receive patents to lands approved in the year 1900 is taken here to mean that the Indian office is moving toward the closing up of the allotment work with a view to the opening of the reservation. Allotting of lands to these Indians was begun in 1894, suspended in 1898 and resumed in 1907. For several years the claim of the state to over 92,000 acres of swamp lands on the Klamath Marsh has been tied up. The work of the final allotting was taken up by Rev. Herman White, special allotting agent, two years ago and would now probably be drawing to a close were it not that Congress at its last session authorized the allotment of lands on the Klamath reservation to the Modoc Indians at the Quappaw agency in the state of Oklahoma. It is said that there are about 60 survivors of these Indians, survivors and descendants of Captain Jack's band of Modocs, who were banished from their native country as a result of the Modoc rebellion of 1872-3.

Experiment to Be Tried in Oregon. Prairie City—A movement is under way in the government management of the national forests which may prove the forerunner of change. It is being tried in the Malheur national forest.

At a meeting of the Harney and Malheur Woolgrowers' Association at Vale last week an advisory board was elected, which will be given power to overrule the actions of the supervisors in matters of allotment of range and making reductions in the number of head of stock upon the Malheur national forest. This is the only forest in the state that will not have a reduction in the number of head of stock next year.

Sheep Men Meet in Pendleton. Pendleton—Secretary Dan P. Smythe, of the Oregon board of sheep commissioners, has taken the initiative in the calling of a meeting of all the boards of sheep commissioners, sanitary boards and state veterinarians throughout the west, who have jurisdiction over the sheep diseases in the various states. This meeting will be the first of its kind ever held in the west and has met with the hearty approval of the numerous boards.

U. S. Engineer Resigns. Portland—G. W. Carroll, engineer for the war department, heretofore in charge of many of the works constructed along the Oregon coast and in the interior of the state, has tendered his resignation to the secretary of war. Mr. Carroll will be appointed supervisor of construction of the jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river.

Drill Hall Under Way. Corvallis—When the new military hall or armory for the Oregon Agricultural College is completed the college will have the largest enclosed floor on the Pacific Coast, having a seating capacity of 20,000. The structure will be finished by February 1. The building will cost approximately \$40,000.

Large Hospital for Medford? Medford—The mother provincial of Oregon, who is in charge of all hospitals in the northwest under the management of the Sisters of the Holy Names, is in Medford for the purpose of meeting local business men and discussing with them plans for the erection of a \$125,000 hospital for this city.

Expert Goes to Argentina. Oregon City—H. Leighton Kelly, fish culturist of the United States bureau of fisheries, who has been connected with the government fisheries the last 12 years, will leave next month for Buenos Ayres, where he will take charge of salmon hatcheries for the Argentine Republic.

Railroad Signs Contract. Paisley—Announcement is made that the Nevada-California Oregon railroad company has signed a contract with the Nugent-Richardson Construction Company for the grading of the extension from Alturas to Lakeview and that work will begin some time in January.

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RELATIONS WITH MEXICO STRAINED

DIPLOMACY OF SECRETARY KNOX IS CAUSE.

SENDS A BRUSQUE NOTE

Central Americans Declare Secretary Is Fiqued at Being Outwitted and Is Getting Even.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico are said to be somewhat strained. No serious trouble beyond a loss of prestige and trade is looked for, however. Smarting under the chagrin of being outplayed at the Nicaraguan diplomatic game by President Diaz and Senator Crell, Secretary of State Knox has sent to the Mexican government a note which amazes the foreign contingent in Washington as another example of current "shotgun diplomacy."

The imprisonment of J. A. Cook, an American citizen, at Guadalajara, is the pretext for Secretary Knox's brusqueness toward Mexico, but the cause is said to be found in Mr. Knox's anger at Mexico when that government outwitted and out-manuevered him in Nicaraguan affairs.

Much Prestige Lost. Meanwhile all Latin-America, as represented here, is boiling with indignation at the United States and such statements as the following are common: "The United States has lost more prestige during these last 15 days than it had gained in the previous 15 years."

They cite also Secretary Knox's somewhat ridiculous blustering attitude about arresting and punishing Zelaya, which in the end he was meekly forced to abandon and permit Diaz to carry the tyrant off in triumph, where he will be received and showered with honors as a mark of Mexican contempt for the state department at Washington.

Blizzard Cuts Chicago Fuel Supply. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Chicago and contiguous territory was swept by another fierce blizzard, which nullifies all the work of clearing away the debris of the earlier storms and leaves the transportation companies agape at the task facing them. With 2000 cars of coal at its doors, on sidings and terminal tracks, Chicago is on the verge of a fuel famine. The city already has consumed 60 per cent of its reserve fuel supply.

APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

Switchmen in a Deadlock With the Railroads. St. Paul, Dec. 28.—Contrary to expectations, developments in the controversy between the railroads of the northwest and the striking switchmen, instead of resulting in an amicable settlement of the strike, resulted in a wider breach that has existed heretofore. Not only have the switchmen declared off all negotiations with the railroads, but leaders say there is a strong possibility of a general strike by all allied orders belonging to the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor.

H. B. Perham, acting as chairman of the railway council in session here, has departed for Washington, where he will seek the aid of the government to put an end to the controversy. Mr. Perham would not state as to which department he would appeal. He said he might seek to interest the Interstate Commerce Commission, and he may take the matter up directly with President Taft.

Mrs. Aoki Silent. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Juniro Aoki, daughter of Archdeacon Emery, living with her Japanese husband in Seattle, is said to have appealed to her father at San Francisco to take her and her baby away from her husband. A San Francisco dispatch says that Mrs. Aoki is unable to endure the treatment of her husband longer. Mrs. Aoki refuses to affirm or deny the statements contained in the dispatch.

Bones of Cortez Found in Mexico. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27.—A story is brought from Guaymas to the effect that the remains of Hernan Cortez, conqueror of Mexico, which had been lost for nearly a century, had been located in the chapel of Hospital de Jesus Nazareno at the City of Mexico.

Heney Seeks Damages. New York, Dec. 28.—The formal complaint in the libel-damage suit of Francis J. Heney, of San Francisco, against W. J. Crocker, the California millionaire, for \$250,000, has been filed here.

Industrial Items.

Wages are higher in England than in either France or Germany. There are in all thirty-five electric furnaces in operation in this country and Europe for steel production. During 1908 there were 21,231 sawmills in the United States, which manufactured 33,289,303,000 feet of lumber. More than 30,000 workmen are killed in the course of a year in this country by accidents incident to their occupations.

Stock Reducing Sale

SATURDAY JAN. 1ST TO JAN. 22D, 1910, INCLUSIVE.

We are going to put on a SLAUGHTER PRICE SALE in order to Reduce Stock to a point where a buyer can handle Balance.

Clothing.
Men's \$12.00 Suits at \$7.69
Men's \$10.00 Suits at \$6.19
Youth's \$6.50 Suits at \$4.69
Children's Suits, low as \$1.19
1 Lot Men's Pants 99c
1 Lot Men's Pants \$1.59
1 Lot Men's Pants \$2.19
Youths' Pants Cut to 93c
Ladies 60c Belts for 39c.

Men's Heavy Wool Underwear, \$3.50 values, for \$2.49 a Suit.
Men's Heavy Fleece Underwear at 79c a Suit.
\$1.25 Value in Ladies' Union or 2-piece Underwear at 78c.
Men's Heavy Winter Shirts, Sweaters at Cost.
You will be surprised when you see our cut on Gents and Ladies' Gloves—Canvas Gloves at 63c a dozen.
Large Size, Whole Willow Clothes Baskets \$1.17.

Shoe Sale.
One Lot of Men's and Boys' Shoes \$1.35 up to \$2.25 per pair, Sale Price 99c.
Hats at Cost.
Mens and Boys Hats at Cost.
Misses and Girls Caps and Tams, up to 60c for sale 19c.

Phonograph Records 15c each. We handle Phonographs 8-inch Self Sharpening Shears for 41c a Pair.
\$1.00 to \$1.25 Skates for 75c pair, while they last.

This advertisement simply calls your attention to the fact that we are offering price inducements to reduce stock. Cannot use space here to tell you all, but the Red Price Tags on the goods will tell you the rest.

CASH RACKET, The Place to Save, ONTARIO, - OREGON.

Vacant Lots
The men with small homes in Ontario are dropping out of the fact that the idle lot speculator is no use to the city. They are also inclined to think that improvements should not be made to pay such a large percentage of the taxes, as the land values are sufficient to pay the running expenses of the city, if the land is taxed any where near what the owners ask for the lots. There are several hundred lots in Ontario made valuable by the improvements paid for by the business men. These lots are never represented in subscription lists; never contribute to the churches or other public institutions.

Real Estate Transfers
Recorded at the Court House—Reported Weekly.

The Dominican Sisters to Thomas H. Moore, \$5,717; N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 1, tp 18, South Range 47, with all water rights appertaining thereto.
M. G. Hope to T. W. Halliday, \$700; lots 21, 22, and 23, block 10, Hope Addition, Vale.
Amanda M. Rinehart to C. O. Thomas, beginning at a point 20 rods West of SW cor of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 29, tp 18 South Range 45.
Retta Payne to Howard Davis, \$6,400, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 22, tp 18, South Range 46.
C. E. Hammond to C. O. Thomas, beginning at a point 40 rods West of SW cor of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 29, tp 18, South Range 45.
L. C. Pounds to Robert Van-Gilse, half interest in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 31, tp 19, South Range 47.
James W. Westfall to Thomas Harned, \$100; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 23, tp 17, South Range 40.
James W. Westfall to Thomas Harned; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 23, tp 17, South Range 40.
George Westney to Edward Beardon, \$200; SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 6, tp 18 South Range 46.
Charles E. Hammond to O. W. Porter, \$5,600; NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 20, tp 18, South Range 45, containing 160 acres; together with 66 shares of water stock in Nevada ditch, and water wheel and pumping plant.
O. W. Porter to C. E. Hammond, \$1,200; lots 11 and 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 13, block 3, Hadley's First Addition, Vale.
Robert Odell, Sheriff, to Cornelius Ryan, lots 14, 15, and 16, block 44, Ontario, Oregon.—Sheriff's deed.
H. L. Zutz to M. G. Hope, lots 13, 14, 29, and 30, block 34, Holland Hope Addition to Vale.
C. O. Thomas to Charlotte L. Coburn, \$1600, 10 acres in Sec. 23, 18S 45E.
George P. Green to N. T. Minton, \$150 lot 10 block 63, Green's Addition, Nyssa.
W. T. Moody to A. M. Moody, \$5000, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 17, 18S 47E.
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EXCURSIONS TO DENVER
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OREGON SHORT LINE R. R.
Tickets on sale from Utah and Wyoming points, January 6th, 7th, and 10th, limit January 31st. From other stations, January 5th and 6th, limit January 31st. American National Live Stock show will be held in Denver, January 8-15. Ask agents for rates and further particulars.

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After Christmas Shoppers
Exceedingly good values.
Harry B. Grauel,
Jewelry and Music House,
ONTARIO, - OREGON.

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WE THANK YOU for the patronage accorded us during the year just closing and wish to assure you that it has been highly appreciated.

THAT the New Year may be void of all misfortune, and that it may be both happy and prosperous for you and yours, is our most earnest desire.

ONCE more we thank you for your favors and solicit the continuance of your good will.

Robert V. Moore, Recd.